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MARGINAL COLUMN
BY MEIR MINDLIN

A young woman had been expecting her husband any day, so that when she came into the kitchen (where we were watching television) with a tall, sharp-featured, broad young man who seemed exactly like that was he. They were from Eastern Europe and she had preceded him for a few months of study in her profession. We didn't know who he was, or what he did exactly, but through one of those strange coincidences that seem to happen in even the greatest metropolises, we were to find out by the next evening.

We had already been surprised to learn that the wife, who was Jewish, had been to Israel only a few months ago for a month's visit, staying with friends. Since she had doubts about many of her new immigrant countrymen, how were they getting on? Well, she replied, since they were all professionals of one sort or another, they had made out very well, were well-integrated and quite content. And since one might have expected discontent to be freely expressed to an uncommitted friend from abroad, we took the statement at its face value.

AFTER an elaborate consultation of street and bus maps to compensate for the lack of a sense of direction — and a rather more strenuous consultation with a policeman outside the hall, the blond young man was also there. We turned to a well-known London literary figure for enlightenment, who said, "Oh, I see, the fellow this party's for. Don't you know who he is?"

IT transpired that the blond young man was an outstanding trial lawyer behind the curtain, and one who had had a most interesting history. Starting out as rabid, aggressive Marxist, he had condemned much, if not most of Western philosophy as metaphysical justifications for the activity of the bourgeois police. However, carefully and cautiously observing the development of the society in which he lived, his thoughts and then his writing took a different turn, and though he exposed himself guardedly and obliquely, his sharp acute criticism of that society was understood well enough by his readers, though some of his essays appeared in a Western periodical before they ever did at home. His development had started a good while before the Twentieth Congress, and he was regarded as an intellectual leader in his country before Khrushchev confirmed his followers' darkest suspicion, and most intimate knowledge, in his own specific field he found himself increasingly forced to come to grips with problems of ethics, with values which deserve to be regarded as ends in themselves and not only as means. He saw his task as that of drawing attention to the fact that ethical problems should be dealt with by Marxists, the most important being that being the relation of the freedom of the individual to the freedom of society in a socialist society.

AND here he was, on a short visit to the West, surrounded by Western intellectuals playing with questions the French in which he felt most at ease, his replies witty and informative, directly to the point and completely non-evasive. One could not help thinking, that is how it is now, but a little swing of the pendulum in the other direction, and this thinking individual would be able to communicate only with the walls of a cell — at best. But it was encouraging to see this example of thought freeing itself from the shackles of totalitarian ideology, to know that there were broad horizons in the curtain-pushing disciplines, however different our basic assumptions most definitely were. For the future, everything depended on the pressures from the East.

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Mr. Constantine Karamanlis
Karamanlis Hands
In Resignation

West Consults On New Soviet Notes

Diplomatic consultations between London, Paris and Washington were taking place this weekend about Russia's agreement, expressed in the latest Soviet notes to the West, to hold a Foreign Ministers' meeting preparatory to a summit conference.

After agreeing to the western demand for a Foreign Ministers' parley came when the U.S., Britain and France were preparing to waive this preliminary condition at a summit meeting.

The official Party newspaper, "Tribuna Ludu," announced here today that Wiktor Klosiewicz, a leading member of the pro-Soviet Party, has been appointed to the Central Committee and severely censured for undermining the Party's unity.

Klosiewicz, one of the Undersecretaries in the Ministry of Works and Social Security, led the state-controlled trade unions on a denationalized zone in Central Europe to meet the Western objections to the Polish Rapacki law.

Some observers consider that a meeting of the four Foreign Ministers, probably in Geneva, before the spring, is almost a certainty, but they are not sure that a summit conference can be regarded as a foregone conclusion. Moreover, the exact composition of a Foreign Ministers' meeting is in doubt, as the Russians are believed to have suggested the presence of representatives of a large number of interested states.

Klosiewicz, according to Moscow, would like to have the Polish and Czechoslovak Governments on its site at any summit talks since the West would be represented by the three governments of the U.S., Britain and France. (Reuter)

Lavon Urges Histadrut Reforms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ITEL AVIV, Sunday. — A close scrutiny and re-formulation of policy for the Histadrut's many economic and welfare branches was forecast tonight by its Secretary-General, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, in his keynote speech to the three-day meeting of the labour federation's Executive Committee considering its 120m. draft budget.

In his speech, Mr. Lavon stressed the Histadrut's importance to the country both as a stabilizing factor and a major element in its economic development. He pointed out that the Histadrut, State and public-owned sectors comprised 60 per cent of the country's economy. To continue its original pioneering tasks in the development of the country, it would have to coordinate its varied operations and bodies and increase their efficiency.

The main bodies mentioned for an overall review of their activities by central Histadrut bodies were Solel Boneh, the various Histadrut marketing organizations such as Tnuva, Hashomer Hatzair, the cooperatives, and the federations' overseas financial organizations.

The Histadrut Secretary-General stressed the renewed importance of Hevrat Ordin,

Fuchs Ends Transantarctic Trek

SCOTT BASE, Antarctica, Sunday. — Dr. Vivian Fuchs and his British expedition arrived today carrying flaming torches and shooting flares into the sky to mark the end of their historic, first-ever 2,100-mile trek across the Antarctic, which took 99 days.

Sir Edmund Hillary, the New Zealand explorer who accompanied the expedition on the final few hundred miles, said, "It was a piece of pie, witty and informative, directly to the point and completely non-evasive. One could not help thinking, that is how it is now, but a little swing of the pendulum in the other direction, and this thinking individual would be able to communicate only with the walls of a cell — at best. But it was encouraging to see this example of thought freeing itself from the shackles of totalitarian ideology, to know that there were broad horizons in the curtain-pushing disciplines, however different our basic assumptions most definitely were. For the future, everything depended on the pressures from the East.

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Social & Personal
The President yesterday received Ahuza Ben Ari, Director of El Al. The President and Mrs. Ben-Gurion also received Mrs. Tania Amir, the widow of the former Israeli Minister to Holland, Mr. Michael Amir.

Chief Rabbi Mordechai Haftor received Mr. Henry Morgenthau at his home in Jerusalem.

Malibin-J.D.C. will have its "open house" at one of its hospitals and homes and villages for aged for visitors and tourists from abroad each Tuesday between April 2 and November 1. Visitors will be able to see handicrafts made by residents and patients.

The Remembrance Day Committee attached to the Tent Anniversary Committee wishes to remind all organizations and institutions that Remembrance Day this year falls on April 21, and that all celebrations and commemorations should be held on the day or on the preceding evening.

BIRTHS
RABBI — to Dasha (nee Swobodova) and Eugen — Tel Aviv, February 26, 1958. — a son, sister to Shara.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
A memorial ceremony for seven Haganah men killed in the War of Independence on their way to relieve Safad was held yesterday on the Safad-Ramla road. Mr. A. Haasen, the Mayor of Safad, the bereaved families and residents of Safad and Upper Galilee attended the service.

SHLOMO SHAPIRO LAID TO REST

TEL AVIV Sunday. — The funeral of Shlomo Zalman Shapiro, the father of Moshe Hoffman Shapiro, the Minister for Religious Affairs, took place here this morning. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Ministers Knesset Members, and various religious leaders and heads of the National Religious Party.

He was eulogized by the Chief Rabbis of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Y.I. Unterman and Rabbi Y.M. Tolodano.

(The meeting of the Appointment Committee for David Yam, scheduled for today (Monday) has been postponed in view of the mourning of the Minister for Religious Affairs.)

Israel Prizes For Works Not Books

The Ministry of Education has decided to award this year's "Israel Prize" in the following subjects: Jewish studies; Biblical literature; the humanistic belief; education; social science; the exact sciences; art (painting, sculpture, music and drama).

The prizes this year will be awarded to individuals for their life's work rather than for publications in these subjects, it is understood.

Will be presented on Independence Day by the Minister of Education.

'10th' Exhibition Site To Be Landscaped

Work is to begin next week on planting some three dunams around Binyanei Ha-Koma, site of the 10th Anniversary Exhibition, with gardens. Another six dunams will be covered with paving made from Jerusalem stone. The paving and the gardens will be permanent.

For the garden around the exhibition on the western side, 70 full-grown trees from eight to ten metres high will be planted. They will be raised from forests and re-planting another 30 trees will be planted in front of Binyanei Ha-Koma itself.

The project is under the direction of Mr. Hillel Omer, the chief gardener of the Jerusalem Municipality.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM At 2.30 & 5.30 p.m.
ASRON: The Tarnished Angels
EDEN: Los Servidores de Salom
GOLDA: La Sinfonia del Pueblo
ORNA: The Sun Also Rises
RON: The Fajana Game
TEL AVIV: Ti Ho Sempre Amato
HIGH WALL: Hollywood of Bust
EDISON: The King of the Moon
STUDIOS: Love Is A Many Splendored Thing.

TEL AVIV Crime and Punishment
ARMON DAVID: Las Nuites
CINEMA: Cineggiata at the O.K. Corral

DAN: Keep Your Chin Up
EDEN: Dances de Salsa
GAT: Romeo Paris — Desjardins L'Amour

MAXIM: Three Men In A Boat
MIGDAL: La Casanova
MOGRANI: The Best Years of Our Lives

OPHIR: Et Dieu... C'est La Guerre
ORION: The Prince and the Showgirl

PEK: Acropolis Story
SHIBRATH: L'Amour des Femmes

TAMAR: The Naked Woman
TOLELET: Picnic
TEL AVIV: Petites Places
TARZI: For Whom The Bell Tolls

YAMIN: A King In New York
YAFON: 13 Angry Men

HAIFA Screening Regies, Mat
EDMOND: Pequeño Caudillo
MORIAH: Skies of Gold
PEER: He Met At Moonlight

REKOM: You've Never Seen Young
ORY: Doctor At Large
Love In The Afternoon
AMPHTHEATER: The River's Edge

GAL OR: The Bachelor Party
Mabel: Change At Festivals
MAY: The Palace Game

Better Packaging Institute Visitors Call at Cargol

A group of 21 business representatives and journalists from Western Europe, connected with importation of fruit — fresh, dried or canned — arrived on Friday for a four-day visit on the last lap of a Middle East tour.

They have come as a good-will mission sponsored by the Institute for Better Packaging to investigate methods of improving shipping, packing and quality of the goods they import to England, France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. The Institute proposed to establish international standards in this field.

The delegation was welcomed on Friday by Mr. Sam Dubiner, Managing Director of the Cargol Co., at his factory in the Tel Aviv industrial area. Mr. Dubiner, with representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Finance, organized a special tour to examine methods of packaging and recommending improvements.

At a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kadish Luz, in the afternoon, the leader of the French delegation, Mr. Georges Lefebvre, highlighted orange groves and packing stations, and paid particular attention to the Cargol factory's research department and new \$100,000 machine for drying carrots.

Mr. Dubiner told the press during the visitors' tour of his factory, that Cargol's new plant at Lydda, which is to be opened in August, would eventually produce 10 per cent of the sodium silicate required for carton manufacture from sand found in the Negev area.

The Institute for Better Packaging was set up as an international organization by manufacturers of cartons and suppliers of raw materials, some four months ago on the initiative of the Cargol Company.

At a luncheon given in honour of the mission at the King David Hotel yesterday, attended by representatives

of the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Bernard Gaggen, Commercial Service of Reuters, London; Mr. A. Stewart Wilson, National President of the British Retail Fruit Trade Federation; and Mr. H. Scheberg, Editor of German fruit and vegetable trade journal

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Mamillah to Be J'lem Playground

Mamillah Common in the centre of Jerusalem is to become a pleasure ground, the main scene of the capital's entertainments for its citizens and visitors during the Tenth Anniversary Year.

Jerusalem's festivities begin in the middle of April with the dedication of the new, broad entrance to the city, the arch which is progressing at full speed. It is on the route of the Independence Day military parade from the Haikira Stadium.

On the eve of Independence Day, the 80-dunam Mamillah pleasure ground will be inaugurated with a concert lasting 15 minutes from the end and "military" the winning goal among spectators.

This win put Blackburn into the semi-finals for the 18th time. In a hectic match where three players had their names taken, Fulham were well on top to beat Bristol Rovers 3-1, to get the "Cottagers" into the semi-final for the third time.

Conducted Tours

Tourists, and also citizens,

will have the chance during

the tour of key points in the

Battle for Jerusalem of 1948.

The tour will be conducted by many of the persons who

then held commands in the

beleaguered capital.

Apart from the national

festivities which will take

place in Jerusalem, the

Municipality is arranging a

series of events in the Valley

of the Cross in the Valley

of Omer; a dance of 200

through the streets near

Shavuot time; a Drawing of

Water ceremony on Succot;

carrying Scrolls of the Law

by the general public on the

conclusion of Simhat Torah;

and a torch parade on Hanukkah.

Throughout the year, mass

gatherings of people of interest

will be arranged.

The Tenth Year in Jeru-

salem will conclude with a

bumper "Little Adloyads"

which should make up for

the absence of this year's

children's carnival.

CONSULS SEE U.K., U.S. RIOTERS

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*Today's Postbag***The Weather**

Weather Synopsis: There is a moderate low over Greece and Turkey.

Temperature: At 8 p.m., 12° Maximum yesterday, 12° Minimum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Henk Bosma, Clerk of the Knesset, from a short visit to England (by El Al).

Senator H. Willems, Managing Director of the Netherlands company for the Minet-Jitout shipping line, from Amsterdam (by El Al).

Dr. Benito Taguchi, member of the Government delegation for the Tokyo Astra Games to inspect Israel preparations for its participation, from Tokyo (by Air France).

Mr. S. L. Stated, of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, from a tour of Europe and the U.S. in connection with preparations for the Orchestra's participation in the Tenth Anniversary Festival.

Mrs. Raya Jagim, Deputy Treasurer of the World Who

Executive from Europe.

DEPARTURES

Mr. A. Meyer, Honorary Consul in Milan, for Italy, after a ten day visit (by El Al).

Mr. Steve Horwitz, President of the International Women's League for Peace and Freedom, from Rome en route to Ghana after a visit to Israel.

Mr. Harry E. Price, Director of the U.S. Association of Musicians, after a 10-day visit (by El Al).

Mr. John Baker, head of the New York fashion house "Mr. John," with members of his party, for New York (by El Al).

Mr. Eric Heseltine, two week

visit to London on company business (by El Al).

THIEVES BROKE into the home of Mr. Yitzhak Sternberg and Mordal Ashkenazi on Saturday night and stole IL 3,000 in cash and IL 4,500 worth of jewellery.

A TOTAL of 1,900 immigrants arrived in Israel during February, according to temporary figures of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department.

SEVERAL ACTS from the Madrano Circus will take leave of the big top tomorrow to perform at the Geha Menorah Home on the Petah Tikva highway.

THE BUDGET Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has approved loans to 29 industrial firms, totalling more than IL 1,000.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

March 3, 1948

Five thousand Arabs had invaded Palestine since November 29, 1947. Mr. Ernest Williams, the Colonial Under-Secretary, told the House of Commons last night.

A pick-up truck containing explosives blew up in front of the Salomon Building at the head of Stanton Street in Haifa yesterday, killing 16, including two Palestinian consumers, and wounding 56.

Rabbinate 'Concerned' At Attacks on Nissim

The Chief Rabbinate's Council yesterday passed a resolution declaring that "it views with concern the recent campaign of slander against the Chief Rabbis and Chief Rabbi Nissim in particular."

The Council, at its meeting in Jerusalem, declared that the recent attacks on the Chief Rabbis and Chief Rabbi Nissim in particular were constituted a grave offence against the honour of the Torah and the State.

Present at the meeting were the two Chief Rabbis, the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv and Haifa and members of the Rabbinate's High Court.

Literary Legacy Of Fallen Soldiers

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A second volume of "Parchments of Fire," an anthology of literary and artistic works by Israel soldiers who fell in action, was today presented to parents and relatives of the authors at Beit Tchernikovsky.

Addressing the audience, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said that he had read the writings of the 200 men included in the anthology, and that they supported his view that at no time in Jewish history was there a youth which showed so much dedication, understanding and devotion. Significantly, they showed that the youth loathed war.

Other speakers at the ceremony included the Chief-of-Staff, Rav-Av Haim Leavov, and the Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Shimon Peres.

Mr. Reuven Aviyanan compiled and edited the book.

We express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Irene Panzer on the death of her husband

Dr. Maurici Panzer

one of our veteran officials.

"MALBEN" Management,

OLD AGE DEPARTMENT,

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

and the staff.

Jerusalem Budget Deficit IL 1.5m.; Rates to Rise—Agron

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rates must rise in Jerusalem if present services are not to be drastically cut, Mayor Gershon Agron told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The cost in wages, costs of building materials and other commodities and services will require a budget of IL 12.3m. in the 1958-59 budget year, an increase of IL 1.5m. over what was approved for the outgoing year.

Mr. Agron said, "The increase is expected to rise from the present rate of IL 5m. to almost IL 11m., leaving something under IL 15m. to be covered by an increased Government grant and higher rates which will have to fall on all classes of ratepayers."

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The Mayor pointed out that Tel Aviv, with a population two-and-a-half times that of the capital has presented a budget of 47m. more than 1.5 times Jerusalem's.

Haifa has a population about 10 per cent larger than Jerusalem's and its proposed budget is IL 11m., almost 50 per cent higher.

Jerusalem Rates Lowest

Jerusalem rates are the lowest of the three cities, at IL 40 per head per annum.

In Tel Aviv the average citizen pays IL 7.2 and in Haifa IL 6.6.

It is true, Mr. Agron pointed out, that the two other cities are responsible for hospital costs, but Jerusalem is obliged to pay for the hospitalization of many of its citizens without means.

The capital lags in secondary education for its young citizens but because of its high birthrate is responsible for the elementary education of the highest proportion of number than the other cities. Jerusalem has 25,000 children in elementary schools while there are only 21,000 in Haifa.

The difficulties of the Jerusalem Municipality stand out when the simple fact is pointed out that it employs 50 engineers whereas Haifa Municipality employs 160.

The Municipal Finance Committee is meeting twice weekly to work out a budget proposal for the Council. It is expected that Ahud Ha'avoda, which normally supports the municipal coalition, will carry out the party's national directives and oppose an increase in rates.

Herut Going Along With T.A. Tax Rise

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — When the Municipal Council meets on Tuesday, Herut will probably go along with the 15 per cent increase in rates proposed by Mayor H. Levanon.

A delegation of Herut leaders, including Dr. Y. Bader, M.K., met with the Town Managing Board today in an effort to dissuade Mr. Levanon to cut his budget.

After the meeting, however, it was generally felt that Herut would not risk splitting the coalition on the rates issue.

Capital Readies For Purim Season

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tinsel and confetti-decorating abounding in the streets drawing crowds in Jerusalem yesterday as the Purim season got under way.

Works in hand by the two companies will be finished, including road-building and sewerage, he declared.

An unconfirmed report received by *Itam* stated that recently demands for the cessation of activities of the South African Council for Ashkelon on the grounds that they affected U.N.A. drives.

Locusts Believed Blown to Jordan

REHESHEBA, Sunday. — The swarm of pink insects that was discovered in the central Negev and the Arava on Saturday morning was sighted again between Mitzpe Ramon and Avdat early this morning.

The swarm disappeared early in the day and it is believed that it was carried by winds into Jordan. It is also believed that the locusts were inactivated by the sudden drop in temperature over the weekend.

DUEG TRIAL OPENS TODAY

The trial of Moshe Dug on charges of throwing a grenade in the Knesset chamber last October will open today before the Jerusalem District Court. The Court will be composed of Judges Baker, Cohen and Gauhan.

Imported Compressors Seen A Threat to Local Firm

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The fate of the six-year-old Gruenspan Engineering Works, the country's only manufacturers of small refrigeration compressors, and their 60 workers, is to be decided by a Government appeals

under pressure from the importers to release it.

The Gruenspan Works compressor is appreciably cheaper, but as it has been in production for only a short period, buyers preferred foreign makes whatever their price, the spokesman declared.

The license for the import of \$20,000 worth of varying quantities of spare parts for 1/2-1½ h.p. compressors allegedly on the assurance that they were intended for re-export, was granted to an automobile accessories firm. Two days before the goods arrived in Haifa Port, the firm had applied for, and obtained, an alteration of the license reducing the value of even 200 of all parts to IL 200 each.

The Home specified no conditions regarding re-export or exclusion of locally made items.

The shipment represented in effect 200 complete sets of knocked down h.p. compressors which could be assembled here in 72 hours, the G.E.W. Manager said.

Following intervention of the Knesset's Economic Committee, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had "frozen" the consignment in Haifa Port pending its investigation, but it was now

Entire Length Of Haifa Subway Dug

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Haifa, Sunday. — The entire length of the Carmel Subway tunnel from breaking through to the seafront, top on Friday morning, is charge of experienced workers who have stopped back. The bottom was pressed, the rubble of falling rock, dust and a powerful draft of fresh air from above marked the end of 10 months of tunnelling.

Mayor Abba Khoushy, president of the Societe D'Amoult et Solid Haifa, announced that the tunnel will be completed by the end of June.

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MR. Israel Rogosin has made a fortune and a name in the U.S. as a successful industrialist and a generous philanthropist, and it is along these lines that he has been interested in Israel, where the great project launched by him at Ashdod was applauded as another major step in the country's productive development.

Whatever this project's ultimate fate, Mr. Rogosin will presumably be astonished to find that he has figured here — at least in some newspaper editorials — as a politician ready to incur losses and to forgo a sound business proposition in order to stage a demonstration against this country's economic system or to exert pressure on her Government.

As a matter of fact, he has always placed his confidence in the superior know-how at his disposal, and in competitive enterprise, and has in these respects seen eye to eye with the Israel development authorities. The differences that have cropped up between them (largely legalistic) since the basic investment agreement was signed half a year ago, have all concerned minor points, and had been on the verge of being ironed out. The question of the Government's loan had not yet become actual as the project's first stage was to have been financed entirely by the Rogosin Industries Ltd., which had already raised substantial capital, though less than half the target amount. Similarly questions concerning labour and wages have not yet been broached in earnest, and for its part the Histadrut is known to be prepared to meet reasonable demands of new investors at least halfway.

As regards local sales of rayon products, the tire factories who are the main prospective clients, have shown a positive attitude, and have even placed a first order for tire cord with Mr. Rogosin's Bonnet Mills, though they rightly point out that a growing share of their requirements is going to be diverted to nylon cord, in step with worldwide developments.

It is therefore obvious that the announcement that the Rogosin Industries Ltd. is to be wound up after having spent over \$60,000 has been prompted by factors outside this country. As such one can mention the recent drop in rayon prices which now stand at \$1.25 per kilogram of tire cord as compared with \$1.38 some months ago, and the prospect of stiffer competition with other synthetic fibres, which is bound to cut the Ashdod project's profit (and the eventual added value as well). Another factor is presumably the American business recession, that has put a premium on liquid capital and has made capitalists wary of new investments.

It is unfortunate that a number of Israeli industries should be launching shares on the U.S. market under such unpropitious circumstances, doubly so as American investors have not yet had practical experience with Israeli industries under the new development regime, and are still devilleled by memories of heavy-handed controls and repeated devaluations. The new development regime, too, still needs to be translated into streamlining of the bureaucratic dealing with investors. Nothing is, however, easier than to represent genuine business difficulties — of perhaps a transient nature — as intrinsically tied up with the Israel administration or economy, though a project basically conceived as mainly dependent upon exports and upon imported raw materials can be influenced only to a limited extent by local factors.

No one should be in a position to perceive this situation better than Mr. Rogosin himself. It should therefore be his duty while here — and a great service to this country — to correct erroneous interpretations, and to draw a dividing line between what may be an individual failure and Israel's general economic outlook and business climate.

Spanish Liberals Criticize U.S.

AMERICA ACCUSED OF PROLONGING FRANCO REGIME

By RICHARD MOORE

MADRID

A DISTURBING and possibly under-estimated element in Spain's political climate is the resentment toward the U.S. that is building among anti-Communist opponents of the Franco regime.

This antagonism, evident mainly among liberals and democratic-minded intellectuals, has a double source. One is the fear that the longer Franco stays in power the more likely the Communists are to gain control of government — "democracy" is the slogan. The other is the conviction that American policy is responsible for prolonging the life of a regime that has lost much of whatever popular support it enjoyed.

A third ingredient in the bitter mood is the feeling that America is so intent on getting along with Franco that it is rashly snubbing a Spanish liberal opposition that may one day have a good deal to say about foreign policy, including the presence of American bases on Spanish soil. There is criticism that Franco opponents who looked to American ideals for consolation and inspiration and the World War II risked beatings and imprisonment to visit the American propaganda centre in Madrid, today are forgotten or ignored. The American argument is, of course, that the Soviet threat to the free world has forced the United States in some instances to give priority to military considerations over the better to defend democracy — a view to which Spanish liberals revert that they can understand the necessity of such a policy but not the lengths to which it is applied to Spain.

Unusually enthusiastic They contend that there is an exaggerated and unnecessary display of enthusiasm for General Franco's regime on the part of American officials. They say that a constant stream of laudatory statements from American legislators, generals and diplomats (which the government-controlled press never fails to report) gives the Spanish people the impression that the United States has gone overboard completely for the Franco regime and has no interest in Spanish aspirations for something different based on democratic concepts.

They cite the following as examples of what they consider unacceptable tributes to the Franco regime: John Foster Dulles' announcement on arrival in Madrid last December that he was the bearer of personal greetings from President Eisenhower to General Franco; the Secretary of State's tribute to the Caudillo in his televised report to the American people before the NATO conference in Paris; the fact, incomprehensible to many Spaniards, that in December

1965 even John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America came to Spain on an official visit to meet with Spanish government officials. "We had thought that American labour, at least, would not lend itself to blandishments of the Franco regime," these critics say.

John L. Lewis was member of a group appointed by the American government to study the application of the American foreign aid programme abroad.

The group travelled to 18 countries and spent four days in Spain.

The absence of uncensored

newspapers and nation-wide

elections makes it difficult

to evaluate the influence of

these anti-Communist oppo-

nents on the regime. But they have the distinction, however, of having been the first to bring anti-regime dissension into full view when they sparked the student demonstrations that rocked Madrid in the winter of 1965-1966. Since then there has been less rioting but considerably more open criticism of the government, much of it emanating from right-wing elements which supported General Franco's Nationalists in the Civil War.

Police Active

The weakness of the democratic opposition in Spain is that it is still in the party-politics stage. The leaders are there and the cadres of future political parties exist, but thanks to the regime's efficient police there is no effective assembling of followers and supporters. There seems to be no effective liaison with Spanish labour and because of the need to operate in clandestinity coordination between groups is always a problem. Opposition elements from the Right and Left, ranging from disgruntled Monarchs and Catholic conservatives to the perennially hostile Socialists and Anarchists (but excluding the Communists) have sought to establish a common front for ending the Franco regime. But to date the underground alliance has failed to solidify and, it is said, the Spanish people's impression that the United States has gone overboard completely for the Franco regime and has no interest in Spanish aspirations for something different based on democratic concepts.

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they enjoy the advantage of having powerful support from abroad and wide experience in the art of subversion, whereas the Spanish liberals are amateurs burdened by a grievance: the presumed indifference of the U.S.

The Communist offensive in Spain, supported by radio broadcasts in Spanish (and, since the first of the year, in the Catalan language) is

There is nothing for the

Government to do but to treat the demonstrators like any other group that resorts to force. Certainly the solution does not lie in counter-demonstrations. The Jerusalem pool has become a matter for the police rather than a religious affair and should be dealt with accordingly.

Al Hishbar (Mapam)

reverts to the old argument concerning the advisability of scrapping military rule in minority areas and of raising these minorities from "depressed" status to full citizenship. The recent campaign against the designs of the Communist Party was timely and effective, and the authorities should follow it up with measures that will win the confidence of the minorities. The argument that there are undesirable elements among these minorities should not be allowed to affect the population as a whole.

Omer (Histadrut) tries

to account for the

Soviet Union's

position

on the

present

conference

and concludes

that whatever the

reason

the Russian move

raises some hopes of aligning international tension.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi)

writes that it all depends upon Moscow and that we shall soon know whether the Russians are sincerely bent on achieving a settlement through negotiations and relieving mankind of its anxiety.

Lamashav (Abud Ha'ava-

da)

credits the pressure of the

will for peace of world public opinion with effecting the change. The moral is that no power can impose its will on others even if it holds a position of overwhelming power, one regretted being unable to identify the excellent Irish actors. Kasher's photography is beautiful and the accom-

panying

folklore

is enchanting. The style of this modest and simple film is of great and enduring beauty. This may well be what is needed to achieve a successful full-length Israeli film.

Spooky Travlogue

HOLLYWOOD or Bust

(Zion)

describes the hilarious progress

of two Hollywood pilgrims

(Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis), whose Mecca is Anita Ekberg, across the American continent. The gags are always good for a belly laugh, and an astonishingly clever boxer dog often steals the show. Excellent photography adds to the enjoyment.

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AT THE CINEMA

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